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Today's News - August 26, 2005

Preservation of the worst and best kind: In Toronto, it's "sentimental, perfunctory, pointless." – In Syracuse, NY, it's illuminating plans for new school of architecture, but "all-too-predictable municipal thinking" for nearby Art Deco railroad bridge. – In Chicago, a Burnham building is worth saving (but not for reasons you might think). – In St. Louis, mid-1960s apartment buildings are no longer sitting on the sidelines. – High-rise living will catch on in Melbourne, but "glaring problems" with public transportation (Vancouver a good role model?) – Original architect of Providence civic center might get renovation contract - or will fee send job to second choice? – A pricey two-day workweek for Holyrood architect raises eyebrows (and "takes the biscuit"). – A minimalist museum in lowa is "a monument to that notion of good taste." – A California exhibition about Ground Zero memorial gives voice to landscape architect. – A design diva wows, befuddles (and almost blinds) a crowd at Serpentine Gallery's summer pavilion. – Architect gamers Educator Honor Award. – A competition to jump-start green housing design.

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Heritage preservation of the worst kind: Residents supposedly won the fight over One Bedford. But it's a victory for no one...sentimental, perfunctory, pointless. By John Bentley Mays -- John M. Lyle (1900s); Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg/Page + Steele-Globe and Mail (Canada)

Future illuminated as past is paved over: If you get a chance, you might want to come downtown tonight. It will provide a chance to juxtapose one extraordinary scene against some all-too-predictable municipal thinking. — Leni Schwendinger; Richard Gluckman-Syracuse Post-Standard

Marked for demolition, Kenilworth house is worth saving; Elsewhere in architecture...By Blair Kamin -- Burnham; Graves; Gehry; Netsch/Graham/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill-Chicago Tribune

Owners would pump pizazz into yesteryear's apartments: ...sitting on the sidelines, sometimes empty or struggling to survive, are hundreds of other apartment buildings that were sought-after a generation ago - and could be again. -- Gyo Obata/Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum; Harris Armstrong; Docomomo- St. Louis Post-Dispatch

What's the bid idea? ...the idea of living in high-rise apartments is alien to many Melburnians, but it will happen...liveability survey has shone a light on Melbourne and shown up glaring problems in the public transport system.- The Age (Australia)

Architect selected to plan renovations of Dunkin' Donuts Center: The civic center's original architect, Ellerbe Becket is picked to oversee the redesign if a fee agreement can be reached. Otherwise, the job may go to the number-two pick...HNTB.

The civic center's original architect, Ellerbe Becket, of Missouri, is picked to oversee the redesign if a fee agreement can be reached. Otherwise, the job may go to the number-two pick.- Providence Journal (Rhode Island)

Architect is back at Holyrood on £48,000 for two-day week: Former Scottish Executive chief architect Dr John Gibbons...has been hired to help win design awards, advise on adaptations and assist in settling the accounts.-

Adding Glass-Box Minimalism to Midwestern Downtown: Chipperfield's careful nod to history gives [Figge Art Museum] a nuanced complexity that you won't find in a conventional glass box. By Nicolai Ouroussoff [images]- New York Times

Mirroring Loss: Garden design at 9-11's Ground Zero a reflection of absence: exhibition and Q&A with Peter Walker- Metroactive (Northern California)

Design diva: Hadid's success is partly down to the fashionable belief that big-ticket buildings...can revive run-down cities. But it also reflects a change in Zaha's approach. Once jagged and confrontational, her designs are now far less alienating. Financial Times (UK)

Neil Frankel Wins 2004-2005 Educator Honor Award...presented by the American Institute of Architecture Students.- Interior Design Newswire

<u>Sustainable housing: Competition for architects aims to jump-start "green" building- Globe and Mail (Canada)</u>

INSIGHT: Downtown Vancouver's Last Resort: How Did "Living First" Become "Condos Only?" By Trevor Boddy- ArchNewsNow

August '05 Build Business: PR Tips from Two Pros

- -- Exhibition: "Dream of Tower" at the Danish Architecture Centre, Copenhagen -- Competition winner: Steven Holl Architects: Sail Hybrid/Albert Place Casino, Knokke-
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- -- MVRDV: Gemini Residence, Copenhagen

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